GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Sri Ch. Tirupathi Naidu, Prohibition & Excise Inspector, and 9 other Prohibition & Excise officials, Srikakulam district for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Visakhapatnam District - Accused Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings - TDP framed charges - TDP Repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, CoI appointed as Inquiring Authority – Inquiry Report received- Charges held not proved against seven officials – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 442 **Dated: 19-05-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr. Rc.No.11/RCO-VSK/2012, dated:10-10-2012 (Cr.No.01/RCO-ACB-VZM/2012).
2. Govt. Memo No. 46423/VIG.IV(2)/2012-1, dated:16-01-2013.
3. G.O.Rt.No.75, Rev (Vig.IV) Dept., dtd.02.02.2022.
4 .G.O.Rt.No.263, Rev (Vig.IV) Dept., dtd.18.04.2022.
5. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extraordinary No.6, Amaravati, dt: 16.08.2022.
6. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A. (Ser. E) Department, dt: 18.08.2022.
7. From G.A.(COI.R) Department - U.O.Note No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8 dt. 29.11.2022.
8. G.O.Rt.No.367, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept, dated:17.04.2023.(COI)
9. G.O.Rt.No.368, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept, dated:17.04.2023.(PO)
10. From Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd), Member, GA (CoI) Dept., D.O.Lr.No.104/COI-RPT/2023, Dt.29.08.2023 along with Inquiry Report.
11. Govt. Memo.No.46423/Vig.IV.2/2012, dt:04.03.2024.
12. Representations (written explanations) dated 18-04-2024 from Sri S.V.V.N.Babji Rao, former P&E Supdt.; 29-04-2024 from Sri P.Papa Rao, AP&ES; 22-04-2024 from Sri S. Venkata Ramana Murthy, Excise Sub-Inspector; and 22-04-2024 from Sri B.V. Naga Bhushana Rao, Prohibition & Excise Sub-Inspector.
13. G.O.Rt.No.334 Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dtd 18.04.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, ACB, in his final report in Cr.No.01/RCO-ACB-VZM/2012, relating to the Srikakulam District Liquor Syndicate case, reported allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against certain Prohibition & Excise officials, and recommended in respect of Sri Ch.Tirupati Naidu, Prohibition and Excise Inspector along with other Prohibition and Excise officials be placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings (TDP).

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2. Whereas the Government placed Sri Ch.Tirupati Naidu, Prohibition and Excise Inspector along with other Prohibition and Excise officials on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings (TDP). The TDP framed charges against them. The details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	TEC No.
1	Ch.Tirupathi Naidu	P&E Inspector	Ranasthalam	8	202/2013
2	M.Satyanarayana	Asst.Commissioner	Srikakulam	10	203/2013
3	T.Srinivasa Rao	P&E Superintendent	Srikakulam	11	204/2013
4	K.Balarama Krishna	P&E Superintendent	Srikakulam	12	205/2013
5	S.V.V.N.Babjirao	P&E Superintendent	Srikakulam	14	207/2013
6	P.Papa Rao	P&E Inspector	Kotabommali	15	208/2013
7	S.Venkata Ramanamurthy	P&E Sub-Inspector	Srikakulam	16	209/2013
8	B.Varaha Nagabhushana Rao	P&E Sub-Inspector	Palasa	17	210/2013
9	E.Krishna	P&E Sub-Inspector	Ranasthalam	23	211/2013
10	C.Murali Babu	P&E Head Constable	Srikakulam	24	212/2013
11	S.Gowru Naidu	P&E Head Constable	Srikakulam	25	213/2013
12	G.Papa Rao	Asst. Manager IML Depot	Etcherla	26	214/2013

3. In the reference 3rd & 4th read above, the Government implemented the orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 29-05-2020 in W.P.No.3637/2020 filed by Sri M.Satyanarayana, Asst. Commissioner and dated 08-03-2021 in W.P.No.5259/2021 filed by Sri E.Krishna, P&E Inspector, wherein the said officers had challenged the charge memos issued to them.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Government repealed the TDP. Consequently, the cases pending before the TDP were transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (CoI). In the reference 7th read above, the case pertaining to Sri Ch.Tirupathi Naidu, P&E Inspector along with nine(9) P&E officials was entrusted to Sri R.P. Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, CoI, for inquiry. Accordingly, Sri R.P. Thakur, IPS (Retd.) was appointed as the Inquiring Authority to conduct the inquiry against the above Charged Officers, except Sri M.Satynarayana, Rtd. P&E Jt. Commr. and Sri E.Krishna, Retd P&E Inspector, vide reference 8th read above. The Presenting Officer was also appointed vide reference 9th read above.

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5. In the reference 10th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report. After examining the findings, the Government decided to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officers. Accordingly, the same was communicated to all the Charged Officers vide reference 11th read above.

6. And whereas all the Charged Officers whose charges were held not proved i.e. Sri S.V.V.N. Babji Rao, former P&E Superintendent; Sri P. Papa Rao, AP&ES; Sri S. Venkata Ramana Murthy, Excise Sub-Inspector; and Sri B.V. Naga Bhushana Rao, Prohibition & Excise Sub-Inspector—except Sri Ch. Murali Babu, Prohibition & Excise Constable; Sri Ch. Gowru Naidu, Prohibition & Excise Constable; and Sri G. Papa Rao, Assistant Manager, IML Depot, have submitted representations stating that they agree with the findings of the Inquiring Authority and have requested that further action against them in this be dropped.

7. In the reference 13th read above, the Government have implemented the orders dated 24.02.2023 of Hon'ble High Court in W.P.No. 18539 of 2021 and dropped further action against Sri P. Paparao, AES (Retired) in connection with disciplinary proceedings initiated under TEC Nos. 347/2013 and 208/2013.

8. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against Charged Officers viz., Sri S.V.V.N. Babji Rao, Excise Superintendent; Sri S. Venkata Ramana Murthy, Excise Sub-Inspector; Sri B.V. Naga Bhushana Rao, Proh. & Excise Sub- Inspector; Sri Ch. Murali Babu, Proh. & Excise Constable; Sri Ch. Gowru Naidu, Proh. & Excise Constable; and Sri G. Papa Rao, Asst. Manager, IML Depot, as the charges against them were not held proved in the inquiry. Accordingly, the Government hereby order to drop further action against the above said officials, in the departmental proceedings initiated against them.

9. The Director of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individuals through the Director, P&E, AP, Mangalagiri.
The Director, Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
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The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER